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Mayor Ganann,
Town of West Lincoln, Office of the Mayor,
319 Canborough Street, P.O. Box 400,
Smithville, Ontario, LOR 2A0

Dear Mayor Ganann,

I am writing on behalf of the board of Crime Stoppers of Niagara to request a proclamation or letter of acknowledgement to recognize January 2024 as Crime Stoppers Month. This is in addition to our traditional flag raising event and will be used to promote Crime Stoppers Month throughout the community.

January has been endorsed around the world as Crime Stoppers Month since 1986 and provides the opportunity for all Crime Stoppers programs to highlight their success.

Crime Stoppers of Niagara has been extremely effective since 1985 in helping the Niagara Regional Police Service solve crimes and working with various organizations to make communities safer for residents of the Niagara Region.

Apart from taking tips on unsolved crimes, Crime Stoppers of Niagara has worked to increase the awareness of concerns in the region, including illegal dumping, elder abuse, improving the safety and security of students, guarding against human trafficking and combating illegal drugs.

The concept of Crime Stoppers was originated by a detective in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1976 and today there are more than 1,000 programs operating in countries worldwide.

Of significance this year, Crime Stoppers of Niagara is working toward being a key organization for reporting elder abuse and delivering awareness and capacity building by establishing strong partnerships with agencies that work with older adults in the Niagara Region. We have also implemented an elder abuse program under provincial and federal grants to move forward in creating safer communities for our older adults.

We would greatly appreciate if this recognition could be presented in your office or another convenient location sometime in December or January to give local media the opportunity to promote Crime Stoppers Month. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact Crime Stoppers of Niagara at 905-324-8522, or e-mail to admin@niagaratips.com.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Ernie Sibbett
Chair, Crime Stoppers of Niagara